THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) As per 1997-98 accounts of the 16* State Electricity Boards (SEBs) the fixed capital assets of SEBs at the beginning of the year 1997-98 were Rs. 48,193.72 crores. As against this, the revenue of these SEBs amounts to Rs. 50962.75 crores (including Electricity Duty) which is about 105% of the fixed capital assets of SEBs. The profit of these SEBs during the financial year 1997-98 worked out to Rs. 1093.42 crores after taking into the account of subsidy of Rs. 9,461.31 crores as provided by the respective State Governments. Without subsidy the loss amounts to Rs. 8,367.89 crores which is about 17.36% of their capital.

*Accounts of three SEBs are unaudited.

Power producing units in private sector

†1470. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards news-item appearing in daily Business Standard dated 19 October, 1999 captioned, Private Power Project delayed by Government policy;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that till date there is shortage of power producing units in private sector inspite of the fact that the private sector was made partner in power production about eight years back; and

(c) if not, the total number of approved power production units and how many have started producing power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise. However, till date, a total of 56 private sector power projects with envisaged capacity of around 28,862 MW, have been accorded Techno-Economic clearance (TEC) by the Central Electricity Authority. As per available information, 22 private sector power projects (including those which do not require TEC of CEA).

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having a total capacity of around 4760 MW have so far been fully commissioned.

Per-capita Consumption of Power

†1471. SHRI . JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total per-capita per day consumption of power in the country, state-wise;

(b) how this consumption compares with that in developed countries; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to increase the generation and consumption of power in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The annual consumption of electricity (utilities and Non-utilities) per-capita during the year 1997-98 was 349.05 KWh. The statewise details are given in the statement. (*see* below).

(b) The annual per-capita consumption of electricity in a few of the developed countries during the year 1996 is as under:—

1. Australia	8088
2. Austria	5952
3. Canada	15129
4. Denmark	6113
5. France	6091
6. Germany	5596
7. Italy	4196
8. Japan	7083
9. Norway	23487
10. Russian Federation	4165
11. Sweden	14239
12. United Kingdom	5198
13. United States	11796

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